BOARD RESOLUTION OF INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READY STANDARDS

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WHEREAS House Enrolled Act 1427 requires the Indiana State Board of Education, by July 1, 2014, to adopt college and career readiness educational standards; and

WHEREAS Indiana must adopt rigorous college- and career-ready standards that are aligned with postsecondary educational expectations, and that qualify Indiana for a flexibility waiver; and

WHEREAS higher academic standards may be adopted that supplement or supplant the common core standards if the higher educational standards would still qualify Indiana for a flexibility waiver; and

WHEREAS the Indiana Department of Education shall provide, by July 1, 2013, a written evaluation of the common core standards to the Governor, Legislative Council, State Board of Education, and Chairperson of the Legislative Study Committee; and

WHEREAS the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall provide an opinion concerning the fiscal impact to the state and school corporations by September 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS the legislative committee shall submit, by November 1, 2013, the committee's final report to the Legislative Council, Governor, Indiana Department of Education, and State Board of Education a report comparing Indiana standards with the common core standards, consider best practices in developing standards, and evaluating the cost of implementing either consortium based assessment tied to the common core standards; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education shall hold at least three (3) public meetings and take public testimony regarding the adoption of educational standards after the Board has received and considered the reports from the Indiana Department of Education, the legislative subcommittee, and the Office of Management and Budget.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education commits to engage in a comprehensive, objective and transparent evaluation of the common core standards, including the fiscal impact upon school corporations and the state. Further, the State Board of Education commits to protect the state's right and responsibility to adopt rigorous college- and career-ready standards that position Indiana students to compete globally for college and careers.